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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST MONITORING

1. REGARDING QUESTION PUT TO FUNSETH AUGUST 13, I RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT WE PROCEED WITH UTMOST CAUTION IN ANY MATTER INVOLVING THE INSERTION OF AMERICAN CIVILIAN OR MILITARY TECHNICIANS INTO MIDDLE EAST FOR PURPOSE OF "MONITORING" MILITARY MOVEMENTS.
 2. THERE ARE LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF SIMILAR DESERT AREAS WHERE SUCH "MONITORING" MIGHT BE DESIRABLE IN DEALING WITH THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE, AND THE PRECEDENT CREATED BY ACCEDING TO SUCH AN IDEA COULD LEAD TO NUMBER OF SIMILAR DEMANDS RESULTING IN A PATTERN WHICH BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO THE "ADVISORY TRAINING TEAMS" WE INITIALLY SENT TO VIET-NAM.
 3. THE UN AND NOT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ASSUME SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES.
- PORTER

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